

# LEAD MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

**REISSUED:** Reissued to solicit additional candidates. Those who previously applied need not to reapply unless they wish to update applications.

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** PXIHS-03-146-3

**OPENING DATE:** 06-08-04

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

<b>DUTY LOCATION:</b>	PHS Indian Hospital, San Carlos Service Unit, San Carlos, AZ
<b>SERIES/GRADE/SALARY:</b>	<b>GS-644-10, \$46,866 per annum</b>
<b>CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:</b>	Permanent Full Time
<b>AREA OF CONSIDERATION:</b>	IHS Wide
<b>HOUSING:</b>	Government Housing may be available
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES:</b>	Travel may be paid in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations

**Condition of Employment:** Immunization Requirement: If the selectee was born after 12-31-56, he/she must provide proof of immunity to or evidence of adequate immunization against Rubella and Measles prior to entry on duty. This duty location may provide immunization to determine immunity or antibody through testing.

**This position is covered under the Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Laws, P.L. 101-647 and P.L. 101-630, therefore, all applicants must sign the required 'Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment'. Consideration for an offer of employment may be denied if there are affirmative responses on the Addendum to the Declaration for Federal Employment.**

**Brief Description of Duties:** Incumbent is responsible for the operation of the various laboratory departments and for ensuring that the work assignments of other employees are carried out. Performs a wide range of clinical laboratory tests/examinations for use in clinical diagnosis; performs routine and specialized procedures in accordance with established methodology manuals, technical references and precedents. The work involves implementing new methods by performing, evaluating, and modifying tests. The work includes a variety of duties involving different processes and methods, e.g., collecting and preparing specimens, preparing and controlling reagents, calibrating or standardizing and implementing new procedures. Decisions depend upon analysis and evaluation of collection techniques and conditions, specimen characteristics, adequacy of reagents, instrument performance. Maintains professional knowledge and proficiency in medical technology through continuing education, staff meeting, and participation in professionally oriented activities. Performs other duties as assigned.

**Condition of Employment:** Works on a regularly assigned rotational or call back basis to provide continuous laboratory coverage.

**Basic Requirements:** (Maximum education requirements). Applicants must have completed on of the requirements described below:

- A. Degree: Medical technology, chemistry, or biology that included or was supplemented by at least:
- 16 semester hours of biological science of which one course was in microbiology and one course was taken in immunology. The remaining biology courses must have been in general biology, zoology, and any of the areas listed below under "Evaluation and Experience."
  - 16 semester hours of chemistry of which one course was in organic or biochemistry. The remaining chemistry courses must have been in general chemistry, qualitative analysis, qualitative chemistry, analytical chemistry, or any of the areas listed below under "Evaluation and Experience," and
  - 3 semester hours of college mathematics

**OR**

B. A full 4-year course of study that included or was supplemented by at least 12 months in a college or hospital based medical technology program or medical technology school approved by a recognized accrediting organization. The professional medical technology curriculum may have consisted of a 1-year post baccalaureate certificate program or at least 1 or 2 years of a 4-year program of study cumulating in a bachelor's in medical terminology.

**OR**

C. A combination of (1) at least 35 hours of biological science, chemistry, and mathematics.

D. As described in paragraph an above and (2) additional appropriate education and/or experience totaling 4 years. This combination of education and experience must have provided knowledge of the theories, principles, and practices of medical technology equivalent of that provided by the full 4 year course of study described in A or B above. All science and mathematics courses must have been acceptable for credit toward meeting the requirements for a science major at an accredited college or university. Acceptable experience is responsible professional or technician experience in a hospital laboratory, health agency, industrial medical laboratory, or pharmaceutical house; or teaching, test development, or medical research program experience that provided an understanding of the methods and techniques applied in performing professional clinical laboratory work. Certification/licensure as a medical technologist (generalist) obtained through written examination by a nationally recognized credentialing agency or State-licensing body is a good indication that the quality of experience is acceptable.

**In addition** to meeting the education and registration requirements, candidates must have 52 weeks of specialized experience equivalent to at least the GS-9 level.

**Specialized Experience:** Experience or graduate education must have been in (1) the general field of medical technology, (2) one of the disciplines or specialized areas of medical technology, or (3) a field directly related and applicable to medical technology or the position to be filled.

**Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements.**

**Time-in-Grade:** Merit promotion candidates must have completed 52 weeks of service in positions no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled. (If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, such individuals may be appointed under Schedule a authority without regard to time-in-grade requirements.)

**Selective Service Certification:** If you are male born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must (subject to certain exemptions) be registered with Selective Service System.

**Legal and Regulatory Requirements:** Candidates must meet time after competitive appointment, time-in-grade restriction, and qualification requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

**Indian Preference:** Applicants or current Federal service employees claiming Indian Preference must indicate on their application if they wish to be considered under the Indian Health Service Merit Promotion Plan, Excepted Service Examining Plan, or **BOTH**. If not, they will be considered under the IHS Merit Promotion Plan only.

**Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473). In other than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** The Phoenix Area Indian Health Service is committed to providing Equal Employment Opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, physical handicap or sexual orientation.

Reasonable accommodation will be given to qualified disabled applicants pursuant to Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S. Code 791, Title 29.

Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

Disabled Veterans, especially those who are 30% or more disabled, will be considered and are encouraged to apply.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

**Instructions for PHS Commissioned Corps Candidates:** Active duty applicants must submit a copy of current billet description, resume, or curriculum vitae. If not on active duty but have applied for the Commissioned Corps, submit the same information as above (except billet description).

**NOTE: Commissioned Corps applicants claiming Indian Preference** will be evaluated by the Area Personnel Office against the applicable Preston Standard or the Civil Service, if no Preston Standard exists. These applicants must describe the experience gained in their two most recent positions and provide the dates they occupied those positions. In addition, Commissioned Corps Indian Preference applicants must also provide information regarding education, including degrees obtained and schools attended, and they must include home/work telephone numbers if this information is not contained in the resume. When required by the Vacancy Announcement, these applicants must submit specific information related to any knowledge, skills, and abilities, which are being used as selective factors. Commissioned Corps Indian Preference applicants must submit Form BIA 4432 as proof of Indian Preference.

Additional selection may be made from this announcement within 90 days from the date of the certificate, provided the vacant position is an identical position, same geographical location and same conditions of employment.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested applicants must submit one of the following: (1) OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), (2) SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment), (3) Resume or (4) any other written format; plus Transcripts or college courses; a copy of your most recent performance appraisal (and any other necessary documentation pertinent to the position being filled) to the **Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, Office of Human Resources, Two Renaissance Square, 40 North Central Avenue, Suite 510, Phoenix, AZ 85004-4424 by the close of business on the closing date.** Once an application is received, we will not honor requests for copies. **TELEFAXED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** For information regarding this Vacancy Announcement, contact the Personnel Office at (602) 364-5219.

#### **INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS:**

Resumes or other application formats must contain all of the information listed below in sufficient detail to enable the Personnel Office to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. Specifically, the information provided under #8 (High School), #9 (Colleges and Universities) and #10 (Work Experience) will be used to evaluate your qualifications for this position. Failure to include any of the information listed below may result in loss of consideration for this position.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE.**

1. Announcement Number, Title and Grade of the job for which you are applying.
2. Full Name, Mailing Address (with Zip Code), day and evening phone numbers (with Area Codes).
3. Social Security Number.
4. Country of Citizenship.
5. Veteran Preference (attach DD-214). If you are claiming 10-point Veteran Preference (disabled, widow, wife, or mother of a totally disabled veteran), also submit a Standard Form 15 (Claim for 10-point Veteran Preference) with the required documentary proof (VA Certification).
6. Current or former Federal Employees (attach Notification of Personnel Action SF 50-B).
7. Highest Federal Civilian Grade Held.
8. High School: Name, City, State (Zip code of known) and date of Diploma or GED.
9. Colleges and Universities: Name, City, State (Zip Code, if known), Majors, Type and Year of any Degree received (if no Degree show total semester or quarter hours earned). Attach transcripts.
10. **Work experience** (paid and nonpaid): Job title, duties and accomplishments, Employer's name and address, Supervisor's name and phone number, starting and ending dates (**month and year**), hours worked per week, and salary.
11. Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.
12. Job-related training courses, skills, certificates, registrations and licenses (current only), honors, awards, special accomplishments.
13. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432, Verification of Indian Preference signed by the appropriate BIA official, or equivalent form issued by a Tribe authorized by P.L. 93-638 contract to perform the certification function on behalf of the BIA. For Phoenix Area employees, written notification on the front of your application that your Indian Preference is a matter of record in your Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is acceptable for applicants claiming Indian Preference.
14. Supplemental Questionnaire on Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities. It is important that you describe your qualifications in detail in order to receive proper evaluation in the ranking process.

15. Performance Appraisal, if available, must be the most recent appraisal.
16. Copy of current nurse license.
17. Required Application Questionnaire for Child Care Positions with original signature and date. If submitted without original signature and date, the application is incomplete and will not be considered.

**NOTE:** Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their Veteran Preference determination, Indian Preference, education, training and/or experience.

All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of the Personnel Office and is subject to verification. Therefore, careful attention should be given to the information provided. Fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and/or a determination of unsuitability for Federal employment.

**INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.**

If you are currently a DHHS employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation, you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To receive the priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current (DHHS) career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of DHHS. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
2. Be applying for the position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by DHHS in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position, any documented selective factor, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position with undue interruption.

**INFORMATION FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP).**

If you are a displaced federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration, you must:

1. Be a displaced federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as RIF separation notice, a letter from OPM or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your applicant package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.
  - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who:
    1. Received a specific RIF separation notice, or
    2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place, or
    3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated, or
    4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice, retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF", or
    5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option, or
    6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.

OR
  - B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement annuity under Section 8337(h) or 8456 of Title 5, United States Code.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
4. Occupy or be displaced from position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Be rated well qualified for the position including documented selective factors, quality ranking factors, physical requirements with reasonable accommodations and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE  
On Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

Position applied for: Lead Medical Technologist, GS-644-10

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Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**Evaluation Method:** Evaluation will be made of experience performance appraisals, training, self-developments, awards, and outside activities, which are related to the position. To receive full credit for your qualification, provide a narrative statement of your background as it relates to the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) outlined below and show the level of accomplishments and degree of responsibility. This supplement will be the principal basis for determining whether or not you are best qualified for the position. Describe your qualifications in each of the following:

**Ranking KSA's:**

1. Knowledge of established principles, concepts and methods of medical technology, and skill in applying this knowledge in performing the full range of specialized tests and non-routine procedures.
  
2. Knowledge of laboratory mathematics and statistics sufficient to establish quality controls, troubleshoot procedures and equipment, calculate and correlate test results and set up and implement new procedures.
  
3. Knowledge of recognized reference standards, medicolegal requirements, regulatory and accrediting agency requirements and pertinent statutes sufficient to perform diagnostic tests.
  
4. Knowledge of related disciplines to evaluate test results in relation to other patient and drug parameters and other laboratory data.

The information you provide is considered to be a part of your application and as such certified by your signature on the OF-612 or equivalent.

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Signature

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Date

**Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)**  
**Indian Health Service**  
**Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions**

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Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Job Title of Announcement:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Announcement Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal Child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, requires a criminal record check for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian Children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere to violent crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment.

- 1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child? *YES* \_\_\_\_\_ *NO* \_\_\_\_\_  
[If **YES**, provide date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or current court involved.]
- 2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered in a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence, sexual assault, molestation, contact or prostitution, or crimes against persons? *YES* \_\_\_\_\_ *NO* \_\_\_\_\_  
[If **YES**, provide date, explanation of the violence, description of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

**Applicant's Signature: (Sign in ink)**

**Date**

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